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SUBJECT: NEWSPAPER CONTINUES ATTACK ON U.S. BANANA FIRM

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1. GOP MORNING DAILY CRITICA OF JUNE 12 IN EDITORIAL CONTINUED TO ATTACK UNITED BRANDS' SUBSIDIARY, CHIRIQUI LAND COMPANY, FOR REDUCED BANANA CUTTING IN "REPRISAL" AGAINST NEW BANANA TAX. COMPANY'S OPERATION WAS DESCRIBED AS MONOPOLISTIC EXPLOITATION BY A TRANSNATIONAL COMPANY WHICH HAS OBTAINED UNLIMITED PROFITS AT THE COST OF INFINITE SACRIFICE ON THE PART OF THE WORKERS. EDITORIAL STATED THAT COMPANY'S METHODS FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF THE "POWERFUL" STANDARD FRUIT CO. BUT THAT IT "WILL NOT ACHIEVE ITS OBJECTIVE OF FRIGHTENING OUR GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES NOR THE UNIONS." ARTICLE INDICATED THAT RESOURCES FOR COUNTERING THE "BOYCOTT" STEP BY STEP COULD INCLUDE NATIONALIZATION OF THE BANANA INDUSTRY, IF NECESSARY.

2. EDITORIAL COMMENT IN OTHER GOP DAILIES FOCUSED ON STORIES OF PREVIOUS DAY CONCERNING US REPORT ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS. ONLY REFERENCE IN PANAMA AMERICA AND MATUTINO EDITORIALS TO BANANA TAX PROBLEM WAS ONE-LINE MENTION OF UNCLASSIFIED

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